





Monday Morning, March 1, 1869.

## TO ADVERTISERS.

Transient Advertisements must be paid for in advance to insure insertion.

## TO AGENTS.

Settlements of accounts will be required monthly, or as supply of papers will be discontinued. The daily and weekly issues will be furnished at the lowest cash rates, and no exception will in future be made to this rule.

The miners in Cariboo entertain a dislike to companies; they regard these bodies as boys regard policemen, as something to be abused and tripped up as often as opportunity offers. Why this should be, defies our most careful observation to find out. If these companies absolutely impoverished the country by abstracting its wealth, and that at a smaller expense than the miners themselves, it would certainly give some show of reason for such aversion, but the reverse is the case; it has been notoriously the fate of companies to sink large sums of money, which have generally resulted in a partial or entire loss. What was the result of the Antler Creek Flume Company? The loss of \$150,000 for the pleasure of making so many yards of flume and of discovering, for the miners that came after them, a great number of surface claims. What became of the Artesian Company? they expended \$100,000, which will only benefit those who succeed them, in pointing out the proper mode of prospecting the meadows. The fate of other companies in Cariboo is too well known to need any details from us; suffice it to say that these companies have expended enormous sums of money on their several schemes, which the most successful of them will never repay. And why is this? It is simply because companies can never prospect as economically as individual miners, and that the name "Company" conveys something to the miner's ears equivalent to "public property," and the more he gets of its good things to his side of the dish the better. In fact, there seems to be something about a company that arouses in the miner that spirit of mischief that makes ordinary well intentioned people shudder and clap their hands on the appearance of an excited dog with a tin can tied to its caudal appendage. Now, this is bad philosophy; they should rather hail the advent to Cariboo of Companies so long as they are possessed of a good round sum as a capital, for the miners may be perfectly sure that the lion's share of that capital will fall to themselves. The foregoing occurred to us in reading the report of a public meeting at William Creek, where opinions were expressed in opposition to "such monopolies," when discussing the subject of a grant to some well meaning gentlemen who propose to spend their money in prospecting the Meadows for our miners. It appears that the Company, whoever they are, desire to secure a grant of five miles of swamp at the foot of William Creek, under the impression that they have an awful big thing. This may or may not be the case, but if they wanted twenty miles, and gave satisfactory proof that sufficient money would be forthcoming for properly exploring the ground, we should say, let them have it by all means. There is only one objection that floats across our mind, and that is more sentimental than otherwise; it is this: There are many poor fellows still in Cariboo who expended all they possessed at the time, many months of hard labor, and involved themselves in debt, from which some of them have not been able to free themselves to this day: these men we should like to see considered in such a grant; we would like to hear that the patient endurance and indomitable courage of these hardy fellows should at last be rewarded. But in any event—whether the grant be of the extent asked or smaller—the miners must benefit by the presence among them of a large amount of money devoted to the working of the Meadows. The profit of the enterprise is assured. The ground is known to be the richest in the Colony, yet it cannot be worked without the outlay of capital which can only be obtained from Victoria. To draw out this capital, solid, substantial inducements must be held out to its holders, and the action of the miners in disapproving of the grant, smacks strongly of a dog-in-the-manger policy. Unable or unwilling to enter upon and enjoy the field themselves, they recommend the government to offer terms to the Company which we greatly fear the Company will decline, and thus another great beneficial scheme will be knocked on the head. To the liberal character of her mining laws and the encouragement given to foreign capital is California indebted for her prosperity to day; and British Columbia can never be other than she is until the narrow, contracted ideas that have too long swayed her counsels are swept away, and a fresh start has been made upon a new and more liberal basis.

GREAT distress, it is reported, prevails among the handloom weavers of Glasgow, and, as trade in Scotland is dull generally, large numbers of workpeople are idle, and philanthropic persons are moving for affording them relief.

## Cariboo Mining Intelligence.

[From the Sentinel of Feb. 6.]

## WILLIAM CREEK.

The Barker co. last week washed up 94 oz.; the Baldhead co., 66 oz.; the Canadian co., 41 oz.; the Cariboo co., 40 oz. Sheephead co. have been cutting down rock. Foster-Campbell co. have commenced work on the bed-rock drain, which will probably take about three months to bring up to their ground. The White Crow co., who have been sinking a shaft in a gulch emptying into the meadows at Dixon's ranch, opposite McArthur's gulch, are down one hundred and fourteen feet, but have not bottomed.

## STOUT GULCH.

The Floyd co. washed up last week 46 oz.; (From the Sentinel of Feb. 13.)

## WILLIAM CREEK.

The Baldhead co. last week washed up 114 oz.; Barker co., 75 oz.; Canadian co., 61 oz.; Sheephead co., 22 oz.; Cariboo co., 22 oz.

## STOUT GULCH.

Floyd co. washed up 48 oz.

## KEITHLEY CREEK.

There are some eight or ten companies taking out more or less pay on this creek. A small train had got in from the Forks of Queneel. Flour selling at 35 cents. There is a great deal of snow between Keithley and William creek.

The application for the lease of the meadows is making a good deal of talk about mining projects. A company is, we learn, about to be formed, to consist of fifty or seventy-five members, with limited liability, to prospect Willow river, below Mosquito. The intention is to procure a steam engine, and it is to be hoped it will meet with success. Some of the parties who denounce leases, and profess to be anxious to go to work in the meadows, have, we learn, declined going into this operation, having got more than they can attend to already.

**PUBLIC MEETING.**—In pursuance with a notice issued by the Gold Commissioner, a public meeting of the inhabitants of Cariboo was held at Stirling & Barry's saloon, on Monday, 8th inst., for the purpose of expressing the sentiments of the community as to the contemplated lease of the Meadows—about two hundred persons were present. At two o'clock Mr. Commissioner Brew entered, and after informing the meeting that he had been requested by the Government to ascertain the opinions of the miners on the subject, read the application, signed by Messrs. Barnard, Leneveu, Stamp, Adair and Mencham, asking for a lease for 21 years, of the ground from hill to hill, running from the Ballarat claim to the mouth of Mosquito, together with a remission of duties and road tolls on any machinery imported for working the same. The applicants stated that they intended to form a joint stock company, and procure requisite steam machinery for working the ground. Mr. Brew also read a letter from the Colonial Secretary, requesting advice as to the propriety of making so large a grant; he then said that he left the subject in the hands of the public, and if they chose to organize and report their opinions to him, he would communicate the result to the proper quarter. On motion, Mr. A. McPherson was called to the chair; Mr. W.W. Hill was appointed secretary.

Several gentlemen addressed the meeting—most of the speakers being opposed to the granting of a lease for such a large area of ground—the extent of which is about five miles long and one and a-half broad.

Before the meeting adjourned a committee was appointed to draw up a report of the advisability, or not, of granting the lease asked for. The committee have made the following report: "The committee appointed by the meeting of miners, held at Barkerville, on the 8th of February, by order of the Gold Commissioner, to consider the advisability, or not, of granting to Messrs. Stamp, Leneveu, Adair, Barnard and others, five miles of mineral land, situated in the meadows of William Creek, on lease for 21 years, beg most respectfully to hand in their report. The committee, after carefully considering the subject, have come to the conclusion that it would be unwise and highly detrimental to the mining community of Cariboo, that this grant should be made; and would impress upon the government that in their opinion it would have a tendency to greatly excite the feelings of the miners of this district. Secondly, the committee are of opinion that grants of lands situated in districts already prospected, are not beneficial either to the miners or to the community at large; and that they believe the ground in question will be worked by individual miners before the end of two years. Thirdly, the committee are of opinion that a grant to the gentlemen in question, of a part of the ground asked for, say one and a-half mile, or two miles at the most, would be favorably received by a very large minority in this district. The committee, on behalf of the miners, beg to return their sincere thanks to the government, and to the Gold Commissioner particularly, for the kind and considerate manner in which they have been treated on this occasion."

The New York Herald calls the proposed Inauguration ball a "grand spasm of Washington vulgarity," and is glad Gen. Grant has had it "knocked in the head."

## New Advertisements.

## AMERICAN EXCHANGE,

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This house is the most commodious in the State, newly furnished, and it will be the endeavor of the Proprietor to make his guests comfortable. Nearest Hotel to the Steam Boat Landing. The Concord Coach will always be found at the landing on the arrival of Steamships and River Boats, carrying passengers and their baggage to and from the Boats. Fares of charge.

House supplied with Patent Fire Extinguishers.

## NOTICE.

**DURING MY ABSENCE IN ENGLAND** I leave my Power of Attorney with the Hon. E. H. Alston and Joseph D. Pemberton, Esquires; and Robert Burnaby, Esq., will collect all monies due to me. B. W. PEARSE. mar 11w

## NOTICE.

**ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS** against me are requested to send in their Bills before Tuesday next the 21st March. mar 13u B. W. PEARSE, Fernwood.

## PUBLIC MEETING.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a Public Meeting of the citizens of Victoria will be held in the Theatre on Monday evening, March 1st, at 8 o'clock, to take into consideration the attempted withdrawal of the Beacon Hill Park from the control of the City Council, and to take such other steps to prevent the same as the citizens may determine upon. By order of the Mayor and Council mar 1 WM. LEIGH, Town Clerk.

## New Advertisements.

## A QUESTION FOR THE PROPOSED MEPS' CLUB.

**SUPPOSE 17 CASES.** Garden Seeds to have arrived. The spirit of the Age, via Cariboo and England (none), can they be fairly

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Home Growth—Fresh and Good?

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Offer a collection of Seeds Grown by themselves, for Essay on the subject.

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Open at 8 o'clock EVERY EVENING.

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## NOTICE

**A REPORT HAVING BEEN CIRCULATED** that we intend closing out our Auction and Commission Business, we take this opportunity of stating that the report is entirely without foundation and devoid of truth. J. P. DAVIES & CO. 1w Victoria, 25th Feb., 1869.

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WHISKEY—Scotch, in casks and case;

SHERRY—In casks and case;

PORT—In casks and case;

CHAMPAGNE—A. Collins', in qts and pints;

CLARET—In 12 cases;

GINGER BRANDY,

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CURRY POWDER,

PICKLES—Crosse &amp; Blackwell's and Batty's;

SAUCES—Lee &amp; Perron's and "THE SAUCE";

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CANDLES—Price &amp; Co.'s and Hale's;

SOAP—Best London;

VINEGAR—In casks; No. 24 in cask;

PIR FRUITS,

JAMS,

OATMEAL,

PATENT GROATS AND BARLEY

SARDINES,

PIMENTO,

CLOVES,

CHOCOLY POWDER,

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MUSTARD,

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PAPER BAGS,

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CANVA—No. 1 &amp; 2;

BURLAPS AND BAGGING, 40-inch;

HEMP TARPULING;

FLOOR CLOTH—Nairn &amp; Co's;

CHINA MATTING;

PAINTS—White Lead, Nos. 1 and 2, in kegs;

BOILED LINSEED OIL, in drums and casks;

BOILER PLATES,

TEA KETTLES,

SAW MILL BELTING,

SAWS,

SCOTCH PIG IRON.

TOWEL,

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BROWN HOLLAND

DUCK,

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STANDARD EXTRA.

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Is Supplied with every delicacy the Market affords.

Suites of Rooms for Families

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 3d;

The proceeds to be applied to the extinguishment of the Debt on the Masonic Hall

A General Invitation Is Extended

The best Musical Talent in the Territory will be Secured.

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TICKETS - FIVE DOLLARS. M. S. BOOTH. fe24

## MECHANICS' LITERARY INSTITUTE.

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## EXHIBITION

OF THE

## Oxyhydrogen Lantern

Will take place on

Tuesday Evening next at 8 o'clock,

When views will be exhibited of Mount Blanc, the Glaciers of the Alps, Fenis, St. Petersburg and other Cities of Europe.

Admission, 50 cents; members free; reserved seats, 25 cents. fe25

## VICTORIA MARKET,

Corner of Johnson &amp; Waddington streets.

**EVERY DESCRIPTION OF FRESH MEAT**, of the best quality, constantly on hand, at Prices to suit the times.

Also, a Fine Assortment of

Sugar-Cured Hams, Breakfast Bacon

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Of our own Curing this Season, great care having been taken to make them the best in the Market.

Also, a daily supply of FRESH VEGETABLES.

JOHN MURRAY. fe26

Victoria, Nov. 24th, 1868.

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About a dozen Hunters,

Who will be put in a way to make, according to their own industry,

From \$5 to \$50 per day!

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For particulars, apply to

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## NOTICE.

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**THE FINE FAMILY RESIDENCE** containing eight rooms, hard-finished, with out-houses, stables, &c., fronting Beacon Hill Park, near Capt. Stamp's residence, it has besides, an extensive Garden, an Orchard, Well of Water and Paddock, and is one of the most delightful situations near Victoria.

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Surgeon and Physician.

[Just arrived from China.]

**TREATS PATIENTS ON THE ORIENTAL** Principle. Office, Brick Building, Corner of Market Street, opposite Tai Seng & Co., Victoria, V. I. fe24 1m

## WANTED

**TO PURCHASE ABOUT 80,000 BUILD-**ing Brick, best quality, deliverable in April next. For particulars apply to

J. J. SOUTHWATE, fe23 3t St. George Hotel, Victoria.

## Freight for Cariboo.

**SHIPPERS OF GOODS ARE NOTIFIED** that J. C. Beedy's Trains will start for Cariboo on or before the 1st March next. Any information on the subject may be had at Millard & Beedy's Store, Wharf street. fe18 1m

## THE SEED STORE,

Springfield Nursery, - - - - - Cook street, and James' Bay Nursery, - - - - - Michigan street,

VICTORIA, V. I.

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In consequence of the increasing demand for their Seeds, and in order to retain the confidence of their customers, have grown expressly for this Market and have now on hand

THE LARGEST, MOST RELIABLE AND BEST SELECTED STOCK OF

Colonial-raised Agricultural, Garden and Flower Seeds

Ever offered on this Coast.

Especially attention is called to their various GRASS AND OTHER FARM SEEDS, which are now, and for the first time in this Colony, Guaranteed of Home Growth.

A SPECIAL PRIZE was awarded them at Yale, and Honorary Certificate at Victoria Agricultural Shows of 1868 for samples of the above.

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LARGE AND CHOICE ASSORTMENT OF

Clothing Underclothing, Hosiery,

GLOVES &amp; HATS of every Description.

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BOYS' CLOTHING AND UNDERCLOTHING.

All of which are Imported direct, and which they offer remarkably Cheap. de5

To Visitors from California, Oregon, the Sound, &amp;c.

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Wm. DENNY, Manager. fe27

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Fresh Garden Seeds.

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BY EXPRESS,



Monday Morning, March 1, 1869.

**AMATEUR NAVAL THEATRICALS.**—"Bugs and grow fat," is an axiom that has passed into very general use and observation; and if it be true that the excitement of one's cabinatory organs adds to the obesity, the audience at the Theatre on Saturday evening must shortly experience a considerable addition to their weight. The performance—which was under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor, Admiral and Mrs Hastings, and the Captains and Officers of H. M. Ships—was numerously attended. Two farces and the ever-favorite burlesque opera of "Bombastes Furioso," were carried through in a style that reflects the highest credit upon the amateurs. The curtain rose upon the farce of "A Suit of Twines," the parts were sustained by Mr. Wright, Mr. Jauncey, Mr. White, Mr. Porter, Mr. Logan, Mr. White and Mr. Stock. Lieut Wright as Lionel Loafall was rather too demonstrative. His elocution, however, is excellent, and he was perfectly self-possessed. Mr. Logan's Dick Wurzle, at times, was really splendid—the provincialisms and the hearty, generous manner of a rollicking countryman, being well portrayed; but once or twice, he seemed to forget his assumed character and became too natural both in manner and tone. Dr. Bonassus Barter was represented by Mr. Walker, who, though rather too fussy, in his conception of the role, was quite successful. Mr. Jauncey as Dolphus and Mr. Perrie as Bailiff and Porter, gave immense satisfaction; while the bewitching appearance of Mr. White as Caroline, and Mr. Stock as Susan, was generally acknowledged. They were the "belles of the evening," and had they been the genuine instead of the spurious article, could scarcely have escaped from the Theatre with less than half-a-dozen offers. When the curtain fell, a vigorous encore was acknowledged by the actors. "Bombastes Furioso," (edition of 1869) followed and proved most successful. The character of King Artaximous was taken by Mr. Brodie, a gentleman who has so frequently drawn forth public encomiums for his excellent personations that anything we might say in his praise would be superfluous. Mr. Dickens appeared as Desdemonia and succeeded without an apparent effort in producing a sensation. Both Mr. Brodie and Mr. Dickens are original and inimitable in their styles, and are at all times eminently successful in producing a favorable effect upon their audience. Lt. Wright as Fuzos did remarkably well, and so did Mr. White in the role of Bombastes. The local "bits" were delivered with telling effect, and yet there was no allusion that could be deemed offensive to the most sensitive mind. The songs were admirably done. The farce of "The Steeple Chase" concluded the performance. During the progress of this piece the audience were kept in a continuous roar of laughter by the eccentricities of Messrs. Dickens, Brodie, Walker, Stock, Ashington, Berkeley, Jauncey and Logan, who at the close received a flattering mark of popular appreciation in the tremendous applause that burst forth. The orchestra, under Herr Gauthier, Bandmaster of U.M.S. Zealous, discoursed exquisite strains during the evening and came in for their share of applause. The entertainment concluded with the National Anthem, the assemblage rising to their feet and remaining unmoved during its performance.

**SHEEP FOR ALASKA.**—The extinction of fur-bearing animals at Alaska has impressed the United States government so strongly with the fear that that worthless territory may lose the only recommendation that it ever possessed, that they are now enacting laws as stringent as the game laws in England, to preserve the few remaining creatures whose pelts are worth the trouble of looking after. As there is some doubt, however, that the few unfortunate quadrupeds that foolishly continue to expose themselves to the danger of being caught or killed in an inhospitable climate, may give out, they are sending some sheep by the bark Cyane in order, if possible, to delight the eyes of the few exiles that inhabit that horrible country with the view of some fourfooted beasts. What a pity they did not apply to the Legislative Council here, as they might have arranged for a supply of panthers and wolves, the most fitting animals for such a "jumping-off place" as Alaska.

**A SLIGHT MISTAKE.**—A small shipment of porter from Victoria was seized on board the Active in Columbia River, on her last trip over, the complaint being that it was not contained in packages of not less than six dozen bottles. Preparations were also made to seize the ship, which had nearly been accomplished, when the wisards at the Custom house discovered that the section of the law regarding quantity was repealed last year, and that porter and ale may be imported into the United States in any quantity. The porter was released and the Active was not seized.

**THE SHANGHAI CASE.**—John Costello, a rough diamond, put in an appearance before Mr Pemberton on Saturday, in answer to a charge of assaulting one Wm. Sterling. Costello proved that he intended to prevent a seaman who was in a helpless state of intoxication, when a fight ensued and the case against him was dismissed. Sterling, the gentleman accused of Shanghaiing proclivities, was then accused of assaulting Costello, convicted, and fined \$10.

**A TELEGRAM** received on Saturday announced the arrival at San Francisco from New York of Capt. Thos. Wright,

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—FRIDAY EVENING.** The Council sat until 11 p.m. Thirty clauses of the Loan and Investment Bill were passed. The measure was vigorously attacked by the hon. Attorney General, who said, however, to carry his motions. The Victoria Water Supply Bill, (which, strange to say, was not introduced by a city member) was laid over, the hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works promising to make the question of water supply a government measure. It is understood that the new bill will place the supply in the hands of a company, to be guaranteed by the Colonial Government at a certain percent. profit on the investment.

**MINING.**—At present the water in the Fraser is at a lower stage than it has been for several years. The consequence, are out prospecting. A good prospect was obtained last week on Saw-mill hills, a short distance below Yale, and several parties have commenced washing with rockers. We also hear of several companies making good wages at several points in the canon. About twenty Chinamen started out, about the middle of the week, to prospect along the river.—*Yale Examiner.*

**THE CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED BURGLARY.**—Alfred Waterhouse was brought before the Police Magistrate on Saturday upon a remand charging him with attempting to enter Mrs. Nias' house at Beacon Hill. A brother of the accused appeared as a witness in behalf of his relative, but his statements were far from satisfactory. All efforts of the police to obtain information as to the antecedents of Waterhouse, or how or where he realized his money, have proved unavailing. He stands remanded for three days.

**THE NEW UPPER RIVER STEAMBOAT.**—Mr. G. B. Wright has gone to the mainland for the purpose of removing the machinery from the steamer Prince of Wales and placing it in the new steamer Victoria, the hull of which was constructed last summer by the late Mr. J. W. Trahey of this city.

**THE SIR JAMES DOUGLAS RETURNED** from Comox, Nanaimo, and way ports, on Saturday evening, with about 20 passengers. 13 head of live stock and a quantity of produce. 10,000 tons of coal lie ready for shipment at Nanaimo. The accumulation is owing to the scarcity of shipping.

**THE ROAD ACT.**—In amending the Road Bill, on Friday, Victoria City was included in its provisions. Each adult householder will be required to pay \$2 each year towards the improvement of the streets, the amount thus raised being placed in the hands of the Municipal Council for expenditure.

**THE BARK DELAYARR.**—It turns out, upon close examination, that the injuries sustained by this bark are not of a serious character. The vessel will be towed to Burrard Inlet in the course of a few days, where she will be placed in a thorough state of repair.

**MECHANICS' LITERARY INSTITUTE.**—Views to be exhibited on Tuesday next will be described by Chas. Good, Esq., not by Rev. P. Jenns, as previously announced. There will be interludes of vocal and instrumental music.

**THE STEAMER ENTERPRISE** arrived on Saturday evening, bringing Cariboo dates to the 25th ult. The number of passengers was 30. The news, which is not important, will be found in another column.

**THE ALHAMBRA SALOON** has been removed to the corner of Yates and Government streets, a much more advantageous location.

**COMPLIMENTARY RESOLUTIONS.**—At the request of about forty passengers and 132 others, per steamer Active, we publish the following proceedings of a meeting on board that ship on her late trip from Victoria to this port. We omit the names attached:

"At a meeting on board of the steamship Active, by the passengers on the voyage from Victoria, V. I., to Portland, Oregon, February 22, 1869, after arriving in the river the following proceedings were had: On motion, the meeting called Judge J. F. McElroy to the Chair; and on motion, Pierpont Thayer was appointed Secretary. Whereupon, W. Lair Hill, Esq., addressed the meeting, stating the object, and complimenting the officers and crew on their good judgment in the management of their ship. And, on motion, the following resolutions were read and unanimously adopted and signed:

"WHEREAS, The unusually large number of passengers on this voyage has required of the officers of the steamship Active the exercise of extraordinary patience as well as great labor in providing for our wants; therefore,

Resolved, That we tender to the said officers and crew our sincere thanks for patient, untiring and courteous attention to our comfort and safety, which has made the voyage an exceedingly pleasant one.

Resolved, That we have exhausted our ingenuity in attempts to provoke the said officers to become disagreeable and unkind, and are fully satisfied that 'the thing can't be did.'—*Oregonian.*

**THE MILL-TAX IN ITALY** has recently been the cause of serious riots in that kingdom, although later reports state that the commotions had subsided. The obnoxious tax is levied upon grain brought to the flouring mills for grinding, and is one of several expedients for clearing off the deficit and raising the Italian revenues to an equality with the expenditure. It imposes a duty of about 40 cents upon every 220 pounds of wheat; and half that amount on all kinds of grain. The bread of an average poor family, it is estimated, is thus taxed to the extent of about \$3 12 per annum, and in a country where incomes are very small, and destitution, especially in the island of Sardinia, very common, this burden is very heavy. The government endeavors to make the tax fall as lightly as possible, but the law is an oppressive one and should be repealed.

## By Electric Telegraph.

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

## LAST NIGHT'S DESPATCHES.

## Eastern States.

**PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26.**—The Senate Finance Committee in amendments to Shenck's bill declare the fact that the United States is solemnly pledged to the payment in coin or its equivalent of all obligations of the United States except where otherwise expressed. The section legalizing coin contracts is not changed.

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.**—The appropriation of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the San Francisco Mint was rejected. The Military Committee's report recommends the creation of a supply department and of the quartermaster's subsistence and pay departments, and the conscription of the ordnance and artillery corps, and engineer and signal corps. They think the engineers can do the work of coast survey, and recommend the substitution of annual salary for commutation and allowances of officers. They condemn and urge the abolition of the present system of Brevet rank.

Cullen, on leave, introduced a joint resolution, declaring that Congress and the people of the United States are not indifferent to the struggle for national independence and emancipation in Cuba, and long delayed by the monarchies of Europe, and now began under American auspices in the interests of universal freedom. In the Senate, evening session, the Senators resumed the consideration of the Constitutional Amendment. Pomeroy raised a point of order that the Conference Committee had exceeded its powers in striking out that in regard to which there was no disagreement. The President overruled the point. The vote was finally had and the Amendment was adopted—39 to 13. The President announced that two-thirds of the Senators present having voted affirmatively, the joint resolution was adopted.

Davis raised a point of order that the Constitution expressly required for the passage of a proposition to amend the Constitution a vote of two-thirds of the Senate, and not merely two-thirds of those present; and three-fourths of the States of the Union being represented in the Senate, there would be sixty-eight members, of whom two-thirds would be forty-five.

## Cuba.

**HAVANA, Feb. 24, via Key West, Feb. 26.**—Orders have been given to the troops in the field to take no prisoners in arms, but to shoot all. The Government of Spain is much incensed at the conduct of the Cubans in refusing to accept its conciliatory proposals and will crush the rebellion if it takes 500,000 troops. The volunteers have become quiet.

## Europe.

**PARIS, Feb. 26.**—The bulletin in the Bank of France has increased eleven millions.

In the Corps Legislatif to-day Rouher, Minister of State, acknowledged that the loans to defray the expenses of improvements in Paris had not been raised in strict accordance with the law. Satisfaction was generally expressed by the members with the avowal and explanation of the Minister.

**CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 26.**—The Sublime Porte has issued a circular of thanks to foreign Powers for their attitude in the late difficulty.

**LONDON, Feb. 26.**—The Obden Club's gold medal is awarded to Dr. Joshua Leavitt, of New York.

The Marquis of Huntingdon is elected to Parliament for Rodney.

The War Office has received official despatches from New Zealand announcing further successes over the rebels. The troops carried by assault a stronghold. The natives made a desperate defence and lost two hundred killed and wounded. The British loss was 22.

**MADRID, Feb. 26.**—The modification of the Spanish Cabinet is likely to introduce a radical element.

**THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN JOINT COMMISSION** on the Hudson Bay and Puget Sound Agricultural Companies' claims is now holding its sessions in Washington. We have received a copy of the memorial and argument in behalf of the latter named company. It endeavors to show as their claim under the treaty of 1846, that at the date of that treaty, the company held an interest in certain lands in the present Territory of Washington, one tract on Puget Sound, between the Niqually and Puyallup rivers, containing about two hundred and sixty square miles, or about one hundred and sixty-seven thousand and forty acres; another at the Cowlitz river, called the Cowlitz farm, of three thousand five hundred and seventy-two acres of land; that on those two tracts were various buildings and farming enclosures; that they owned, at that time three thousand head of cattle, three hundred and fifty horses, and five thousand three hundred sheep that were pastured and fed on these lands. They further allege, that although the United States, by the terms of the treaty, were bound to confirm to the company the lands and farms, and other property held and possessed by them at the date of that convention, yet this was not done; and in consequence of this failure on the part of the Government of the United States to fulfill its agreement, and of the acts and proceedings of its officers and citizens assuming to act under the authority of its laws, the company are deprived of the use and enjoyment of a large portion of their lands, farms, and other property; that there was a loss of rents and profits; that their pasturage was destroyed, their live stock killed, or driven off and lost, and their business broken up and rendered unprofitable. For these claims, thus stated in brief, the company ask for the farms and land, and for the buildings and improvements on them, one hundred and ninety thousand pounds sterling. For the loss of their live stock, and other losses suffered from the failure of the Government of the United States to perform its contract, and from the acts of its officers and citizens, they ask a further sum of fifty thousand pounds sterling, making the sum total of their claim against the United States two hundred and forty thousand pounds sterling, equal to \$1,168,000.—*S. F. Herald.*

**THE VICAR OF ELSTON**, the birthplace and home of the celebrated author of the "Pilgrim's Progress," has made an appeal to the churches in America to aid in contributing to the expense of restoring and thoroughly furnishing the ancient and only church in that place, which is a grand and massive structure, and making a fitting monument to the memory of Bunyan. This appeal is made on the ground that the "Pilgrim's Progress" is as much valued in America as it is in England, and the memory of its author as dear to the general people.

**REV. DAVID MACRAE**, a Scotchman, and recently a traveller in the United States, says: "The amount of chewing and spitting all over America, but especially in the South and West, is incredible. You find spittoons in shops, in parlors, in cars, in houses of assembly, in Congress and even in churches; and where there are no spittoons it makes no difference. You will see a man in a court of justice lift the Bible to take oath, give a side squirt of tobacco juice, kiss the Bible, hand it back and give another squirt. At Raleigh I saw Litchford, the tailor, whose apprentice President Johnson once was. Litchford is now marshal of the supreme court, and goes through the form every morning of opening the court. When the chief justice says, 'Marshall, open the court!' Litchford gives a squirt of tobacco, cries, 'Oyez! Oyez! this supreme court is now open! God bless the State and this honorable court!' and gives another squirt. That is the entire ceremony. Numbers of the freedmen are connecting themselves with the anti-tobacco and anti-liquor societies, feeling the necessity for guarding themselves against evils that have done so much harm amongst the white people."

The tunnel under the English Channel, at Dover, it is asserted, will have to be bored through a chalk formation, and though the actual perforation will be easy, yet the pressure of the sea upon the yielding rock will be immense. In building the Thames tunnel, the water burst through the roof several times, and Brunel, the engineer, nearly lost his life during one of these eruptions of the river. In the event of a violent storm the danger of a break would be imminent, and the workmen, having to run several miles to obtain refuge, would have but poor opportunity to escape. The difficulty of ventilating such a tunnel must prove to be very great. But, notwithstanding these serious objections three eminent English engineers have pronounced the plan feasible, and the estimated cost—forty-five million dollars—to be reasonable.

A black walnut tree was cut in Putnam county, Ohio, which turned out \$1,000 worth of lumber.

**THE LIBERAL CHRISTIAN** says that the most successful lobbyists now in the city of Washington are women.

A workman at the London docks recently sucked brandy from a cask through a pipe until he died.

**ACCORDING TO THE Boston Advertiser**, "In several Virginia counties the tavern and storekeeper pour rat poison and whiskey for their customers from the same bottles."

**Mrs. BUFFUM**, of Chicago, wants a woman for President in 1872.

**PLOUGHING CLUBS** are reported to be popular in Canada.

**AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER** is to be published in India.

**SPAIN ASKS \$25,000,000 FOR CUBA.**

**GLADSTONE** says he can reduce public expenditures in England \$15,000,000.

**THE POPE** has bestowed his paternal blessings upon a French lady who recently published a book censuring the extravagance of women in dress.

**PELL'S COFFEE** has become the favorite beverage, and is to be found on every breakfast table from Victoria to the foot of the Rocky Mountains.

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Invalid reader, do you know what nineteenth of the bitter compounds you are solicited by the proprietors to accept as universal panaceas are composed of? Give heed for a moment. They are manufactured from unpurified alcohol, containing a considerable portion of fusel oil, a poison almost as deadly as prussic acid. The basis of the regular tinctures of the Materia Medica is the same. No amount of "herbal extracts" can overcome the bad tendency of this pernicious element. The essence of sound Rye thoroughly rectified is the only stimulant which can be safely used as a component of a Tonic, Alterative, and anti-bilious medicine, and HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS, is the only medicinal preparation in the world in which this article is used as an ingredient. Hence the extraordinary effects of this great specific. It gives strength without producing excitement. No other tonic does this. All the ordinary Bitters flush the face and affect the brain, HOSTETTER'S BITTERS diffuse an agreeable calm through the nervous system, promote digestion, and produce sleep. No other tonic so quickly revives the exhausted physical energies, restores the appetite, and removes the gloom and depression which always accompany weakness of the bodily powers.

**THE REV. J. C. FLETCHER** gave us last evening a brilliant lecture on the religion, customs and people of Brazil. Seldom have we relished anything more than the picture he laid before his audience of that exuberant garden of the tropics laden with its strange variety of fruits and flowers, teeming with perpetual harvest for the hand of man. Surely that country must be the garden of the world, and if its people had the enterprise which moves this Yankee nation, imagination could not set a bound to the results they would produce there. As relevant to this comparison the Reverend gentleman stated that the best Remedies employed there for the diseases to which they are subject, are invented and supplied to them by our own well-known countryman, Dr. J. C. Ayer of Lowell, Mass., and that not the people only but the priesthood and the court of the Emperor down, have constant recourse in sickness to the Remedies of this widely celebrated American Chemist.—[Lederger, Boston.]

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**A SERIOUS ACCIDENT, AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.** Some time back a gentleman residing at Northam, in Norfolk, named Balls, on returning from Harleston Market, fell from his horse, and sustained so serious an illness in consequence, that all his hair came off. He was perfectly bald. His friend, the Rev. Mr. Daniel, offered him a wig as a temporary substitute; and in the meantime he tried very fortunately the effects of Rowlands' Macassar Oil. What was the consequence? Part of a bottle produced the re-growth of a thick and luxuriant head of hair, with (what the first original growth had not) a beautiful tendency to curl. This is a very striking instance of efficacy from the fact of the debility which preceded the restoration.—*Bell's Weekly Messenger.*

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